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Class Specifications  
or the Class:

SWIMMING POOL CUSTODIAN

Duties Summary:

Maintains the condition and appearance of a swimming pool and adjacent areas; and performs other related duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This class differs from the class Locker Room Attendant in that the Swimming Pool Custodian maintains an Olympic-size swimming pool, including the operation of chlorinating, filtering, heating and pumping equipment; whereas, the Locker Room Attendant maintains locker rooms and related areas in orderly and sanitary condition, issues and receives bathing supplies, and may maintain a small pool.

This class differs from classes in the Janitorial series in that the Swimming Pool Custodian maintains and operates a swimming pool facility, including the operation and maintenance of pertinent equipment and the cleaning of that facility; whereas, positions in the Janitorial series are concerned with the cleaning of rooms, hallways, offices, washrooms and other building areas.

Examples of Duties:

Operates swimming pool pumping, filtering, chlorinating and heating equipment in accordance with written or oral instructions; adjusts valves to direct water flow to remove impurities from the filter and to renew its filtering element; conducts simple color matching tests to determine chlorine level and pH level (relative acidity or alkalinity) of the pool water; collects water samples for bacterial count by the Department of Health; changes chlorine gas cylinders when they are exhausted; cleans and disinfects pool apron deck, stairs, equipment room, locker rooms, showers and rest rooms; uses skimmer to remove debris from the surface of surge tank; uses water vacuum cleaner to clean bottom of pool; scrubs or sands bottom and sides of pool to remove spots, algae, stains, etc.; adds chemicals to pool water to maintain correct acid-alkali level; enforces posted sanitary and safety rules; prepares floating lanes and other equipment for use by swimming classes; fills request forms for stores, materials and supplies needed to maintain pool; keeps written record of pool operations; performs minor electrical, plumbing and mechanical repair; trims and waters lawn around pool; and may assist swimming instructors as additional lifeguard.

Knowledge and Skills Required:

Knowledge of: Operating principles of small water pumping systems and equipment involved; methods and practices used in minor repair and maintenance of small water pumps; methods and practices of filtering and purifying swimming pool water; common practices of the building trades and the tools used; cleaning methods and materials and equipment used; swimming pool sanitation practices.

Ability to: Recognize signs of mechanical wear of pump and filter equipment and make minor repairs; make simple repairs to plumbing, electrical and wooden fixtures and apparatus; swim as required to hand-brush pools, install swimming lanes and to act as emergency lifeguard; make prescribed colorimetric tests of water for determining alkalinity-acidity balance of water; read and interpret gauges; keep daily written record of swimming pool operations; understand and follow oral and written instructions.

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This is the first specification for the new class SWIMMING POOL CUSTODIAN.

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